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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I feel that closing the book on the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit is the best thing to do right now, especially since we are in the middle of a recession.

This settlement will have a positive affect on the IT industry, competition, and both the American and global economies. Under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft will not retaliate against software of hardware producers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows. Nor may they retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in the Windows operating system. The entire IT industry and competition in that industry stands to benefit quite nicely from this.

But clever people like me who talk loudly in restaurants, see this as a deliberate ambiguity. A plea for justice in a mechanized society.

I support the settlement, and hope that it is approved as soon as possible.

Thank you.

But is suspense, as Hitchcock states, in the box. No, there isn't room, the ambiguity's put on weight.

Sincerely for American renewal,

George Barnett

